

History

The Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) began its volunteer services in April 1861 at the onset of the Civil War. In November 1861, when representatives from 15 YMCAs met to coordinate their services on a national level, they received a government endorsement and the organization was called the United States Christian Commission.

Since that time, the ASYMCA has provided programs and services to the military during the Spanish-American War, World War I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War and most recently, Operation Enduring Freedom.

The ASYMCA has always been equally active with its peacetime support, as well.

Our goal is to provide our nation's young, and often inexperienced, military people the quality-of-life support that they need to build solid careers, strong families, and to help them establish a secure place in the communities where their military duties take them. The programs provided by the ASYMCA not only meet the highest professional standards, but they are rooted in our nation's cherished values of sacrifice and service.

The challenge before us is to expand these valued programs to areas where military leaders tell us there is a real need. We are able to expand our work with military communities because corporate and community support makes it possible.

Outreach Programs

Please call for availability

Infant & Toddler Car Seat Rental Program: Do you have friend or relatives arriving and need a car seat? Making a transition from infant to toddler seats? For \$5 a month, for up to 3 months, you can rent an infant or toddler car seat. Call for details.

Mini Movers: This interactive parent/child program designed for children 9 months -3 years. This group explores movement through music, song, and finger-play and other fun activities in a supportive environment. Group meets every other Friday. \$2, multi -child discount. Call for details.

Kid's Club: This program offers interactive playgroups with snack for parents with children ages 2-6. This group allows children to interact and develop socially and intellectually under supervision. \$15 per month, or \$5 per session. Pre-registration required.

Scrapbooking Hour: This hour allows patrons of all ages to come together and work on individual scrapbooking pages. \$5 includes one hour of time and up to two scrapbooking pages, and use of the ASYMCA scrapbooking materials. Call for more details.

Sight for Students: Is your child in need of eye glasses? If so, the ASYMCA partnered with Vision Service Plan, provides free eye exams and glasses for those who qualify. To see if you qualify, please contact the ASYMCA.

Little Caterpillars: this interactive play group is designed for 2-4 year olds, and includes arts & crafts, music & singing, story time, and playtime. Sessions are held every Thursday

from 8:20- 9:30 or 10- 11:10. \$2 per child. No pre-registration required. Call for more details.

Dry Brushing 101: Come learn the basic ceramic dry brushing techniques or paint at your own leisure. The ASYMCA will provide all of the necessary supplies and instruction. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 1- 4:30pm. Prices will vary depending on the ceramic piece you choose. Call for details.

Make It & Take It: unleash your creativity and learn a new craft with the ASYMCA. These sessions are held every Monday and Friday from 2-4:30pm. Suitable for a wide array of ages, and no pre-registration required! Prices vary depending on the craft. Call for schedule of crafts and for more details.

Crafty Campers: This summer art program allows 3-10 year olds to come together to work with numerous crafts, allowing them to grow creatively and socially. Runs June-August. Call for prices and scheduling.

Home School Art Classes: These classes allow children to explore different art techniques, artists, and styles, all while allowing the children to explore their own level of creativity. Offered in 10 week sessions for children ages 3 and older. Call for schedule and prices.

Summer Scientists: In this class, 8-12 year olds will not only learn about the fascinating world of science, they'll also conduct supervised science experiments! Classes meet once a week for one month. Call for schedule and prices.

Diaper Cakes: These 3 tier cakes are made of disposable diapers along with baby accessories for the new mom to be. Diaper cakes can be ordered for a boy or girl. Please give at least one week's notice when ordering. Call for prices.

Helping Hands: This program offers relief to Military families in need. Items provided may vary. Families must obtain a referral by a Commanding Officer, Family Advocacy or a Chaplain for qualification.

Operation Hero: This mentoring program not only improves self-esteem and grades, but also allows children to find there are “heroes” inside each of them. The program, which runs for 10 weeks three times a year, targets children from grades K-5 who are experiencing temporary difficulty in school, either socially or academically. Referred by teachers, parents, or school officials, this afterschool program provides homework assistance and mentoring in small groups.

Backdoor Boutique: Designed for Junior Enlisted Military and their families, the Backdoor Boutique offers families the opportunity to shop for brand name clothing, toys, linens, house wares, and non-perishable food items. Items vary from week to week. Call for the schedule of Backdoor Boutique dates and more information.

Volunteer Opportunities: Are you interested in helping out? The ASYMCA is looking for dedicated volunteers to give their service during programs and special events. Please contact us for more information.

Donations: The ASYMCA gladly accepts donations. Call for more information.

Special Events: The ASYMCA hosts numerous annual events and Fundraisers, but may also host your event. Would you like the ASYMCA to host a special event? Please contact us (910) 450.0497 for information.

Donations

Our men and women in uniform make sacrifices every day for our country and freedom—and so do their families. Every contribution helps us to serve those who serve America.

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for your contribution.*

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The mission of the Armed Services YMCA of the USA, on behalf of the National Young Men's Christian Association of the United States of America, is to put Christian principles into practice through educational, recreational, social and religious programs and services for military personal, both single and married, and their family members.

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